

# Lone Peak picks up coveted 5A crown

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It was Lone Peak that led the pack after Wednesday's first round of competition, and the defending state co-champions fended off Davis to claim the 5A girls tennis crown Saturday at Salt Lake City's Liberty Park.

"It's a great feeling, but I'm just happiest for the girls," said the Lone Peak head coach John LaCognata. "They've worked really hard all year long and have been focused. They deserve all of the credit."

Freshman Morgan Hall clinched the team title in the third singles championship, getting the best of Davis freshman Jensen Emery in a 6-4, 6-3 result. It was the first of possibly many championships for the Lone Peak underclassman.

"I was just so nervous and exited at the same time about if I could win an individual championship as a freshman," said Hall.

Breezy Turley was the first player of the day to be crowned champion when the Darts' sophomore cruised past Lone Peak freshmen Leah Heimuli for a second consecutive title at No. 2 singles. It would be the only individual title that second-place Davis took away from the 2012 tournament.

"I feel amazing," said Turley after the championship

**REGION 4 PROVED** to be dominant at the 5A state tournament. While Riverton did not have anyone qualify for state this year, Lone Peak ended up with a player in the finals in all five divisions. Bingham and Pleasant Grove also showed their worth, giving Region 4 three teams among the top six.

## PAST 5A WINNERS:

**2011:** Alta, Lone Peak (tied). **2010:** Skyline. **2009:** Skyline. **2008:** Alta. **2007:** Alta

### 2012 5A state tournament

At Liberty Park

Championship

TEAM SCORES

1, Lone Peak 26. 2, Davis 17. 3, Bingham 11. 4, Alta 9. 5, Cottonwood 9. 6, Pleasant Grove, Viewmont, West 4. 9, Layton, Syracuse 2. 11, Fremont, Hunter, Northridge, Weber 1.

### CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Singles

**No. 1** - Taylor Calton (Lone Peak) def. Emily Tanner (Alta) 6-2, 6-3.

**No. 2** - Breezy Turley (Davis) def. Leah Heimuli (Lone Peak) 6-2, 6-0.

**No. 3** - Morgan Hall (Lone Peak) def. Jensen Emery (Davis) 6-4, 6-3.

#### Doubles

**No. 1** - Megan Call & Electra Cochran (Lone Peak) def. Kendall Sargent & Kira Sparks (Davis) 6-0, 6-7 (7-4), 7-2.

**No. 2** - Molly Reeder & Jean Noh (Bingham) def. Haley Schettler & Lauren Allen (Lone Peak) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

match. "Two years in a row ... I just can't even explain the feeling right now. Whatever happens, happens. And our goal is to mostly have fun and work together."

Taylor Calton found redemption in the semifinals when the Lone Peak product bested Cottonwood junior Katie Sweet in a 6-0, 6-3 decision.

Calton then went on to defeat Alta junior Emily Taylor in a tight 7-5, 6-4, 6-2 contest for the No. 1 singles crown.

Lone Peak padded its cushion at the top of the team scores when Megan Call and Electra Cochran survived a three-set battle for a 6-0, 6-7 (7-4), 7-2 victory over the Davis duo of Kendall Sargent and Kira Sparks to take the first doubles

crown.

Bingham managed to battle through the competition for a third-place finish and secured 11 points when Molly Reeder and Jean Noh outlasted Haley Schettler and Lauren Allen of Lone Peak 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 for the second doubles title.

When it was all said and done, the Lone Peak coach mentioned that it was a welcome surprise to see his girls exceed expectations and become the state champions of 5A.

"This morning I thought we had a chance to get all five into the finals," he said, "and was really thrilled that all these underclassmen that haven't been here before really came through."